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Sophomore computer science major Michael Jenkins of Troy creates an ice sculpture for Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift's university holiday party Wednesday. Jenkins said he had never tried his hand at ice sculpture before.

Tightening the belt

Governor asks state universities to reserve 2.5 percent of their budgets for 2010

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

SIUE may begin to feel the financial pinch as Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich called for a reserve of statewide budgets to be set aside.

A recent statement from the governor's office asked universities across the state to withhold spending 2.5 percent of their prospective budget for the remainder of the 2009 fiscal year. The reserve is a statewide mandate and is not a budget cut, but foresight into the troubling times that lie ahead for the Illinois economy.

According to a statement released from the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the 2.5 percent adds up \$5,832,925 of state allocated money for the Southern Illinois University system.

The governor's office has projected an estimated \$2 billion deficit for the fiscal year 2009.

David Gross, Southern Illinois University executive director for Governmental and Public Affairs, said SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift

has anticipated this for some time and fiscal year 2009 should remain unaffected by the reserve.

"Chancellor Vandegrift's financial team has been looking at this for a while, and they have put a contingency in reserve," Gross said. "We should be able to handle this 2.5 percent with no significant change to programs or current student tuition."

However, Gross said fiscal year 2010 is a different story.

"We don't have any revenue projections to make an educated guess about next year, but it doesn't look good," Gross said.

The governor's statement was released Nov. 26, the day before Thanksgiving, and Gross said there has been little time for university officials to deliberate on the matter.

John Navin, chair of the University Planning and Budget Council, said the university is still unsure of how it will handle the reserve, but it is

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University president and SIUE chancellor get salary increase

by Lori Schueler
Alestle Reporter

Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard and SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, among other non-represented employees, received an increase in their salary for fiscal year 2009.

Dave Gross, spokesman for the president's office, said Poshard has a total compensation of \$392,106, compared to fiscal year 2008, when his total compensation was \$383,090.

Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said Vandegrift's total compensation for fiscal year 2009 is \$296,268, a 2.7 percent increase. The 2009 fiscal year began July 20 and will continue to June 30, 2009. Vandegrift earned \$288,468 last year.

Conroy said non-represented employees can expect to receive an increase in salary each year. He said even though employees can guess at getting about a 3 percent raise

each year, it doesn't necessarily mean they will receive it. Employees could get more, less or possibly zero.

Gross said the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees determines if employees receive a raise and how much. They usually decide in the spring after the state legislature has approved the state budget.

"Prior to the start of each fiscal year, a decision is made by the board of trustees as to the amount, if any, of a cost-of-living increase for non-represented employees," Gross said.

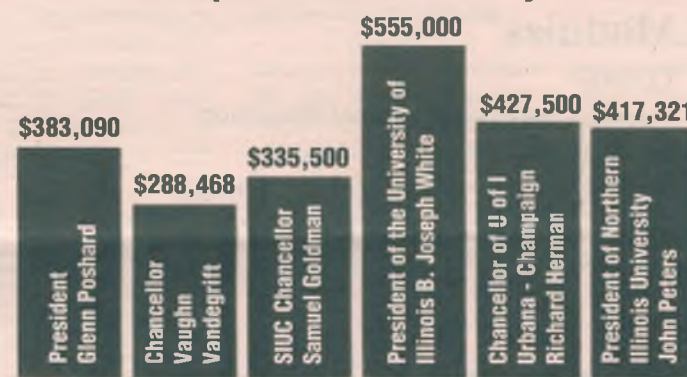
Gross said this year's salary increase was decided before the economic downfall of the country.

"Certainly fiscal year 2010 is a very different scenario and is likely to represent a tremendous financial challenge," Gross said.

Other university executives in the area make similar amounts. President of the University of Illinois B. Joseph

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Total compensation for fiscal year 2008



Student hoped to become a St. Louis Rams' cheerleader

Alestle Staff Report



Sophomore business major Courtney Sherfy of Granite City, 20, died at 3:17 a.m. Sunday in Collinsville after a vehicle accident.

Sherfy was born March 17, 1988 in Belleville to Doug and Sandra Sherfy. She attended Granite City High School until she graduated in 2006.

Junior business major Jessica Scarborough said Sherfy was active as a member of her high school's dance team and editor of the school newspaper.

Sherfy began attending SIUE in the fall of 2006. Scarborough said she worked at various local businesses as a receptionist while she was a student.

Scarborough also said Sherfy wanted to join the St. Louis Rams' Cheerleading Squad and then work in the fashion industry.

Sherfy was preceded in death by her grandmother, Jean Courtwright.

Her surviving family members include her parents, Doug and Sandra; her grandfather, Roy Sherfy, of Collinsville; her grandparents, William Jr. and Rose Jones; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs Bethany Forsythe said SIUE expressed deep sympathies for Sherfy and her family.

Visitation for Sherfy was at the Irwin Chapel in Granite City from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and the funeral was Wednesday.

Burial was at Sunset Memorial Estates in

Glen Carbon.

According to the Collinsville Police Department, Sherfy was one of two passengers in a vehicle driven by Benjamin Nichols of Granite City Sunday. The vehicle slid into the other lane on Beltline Road in Collinsville and was struck by another vehicle.

Sherfy and the other passenger, Tara Wilson, 20, of Granite City, died at the scene. Nichols received serious injuries and was taken to Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

The passenger and driver of the other vehicle received no injuries.

The accident is still under investigation by the Collinsville Police Department.

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unlikely to affect student tuition or programs.

"Our mission is to take care of the students," Navin said. "All (the governor) asked us to do is set aside that money."

Bethany Forsythe, assistant to the director of Public Affairs, said university employees should not worry about this year's finances either.

"The university has no layoffs planned for fiscal year 2009," Forsythe said. "A 3 percent reserve has already been set aside by SIU President Glenn Poshard at the beginning of the fiscal year."

Forsythe said other university systems have not been so lucky. The University of Illinois campus plans to cut 200 jobs.

Forsythe said a chancellor's meeting was held Wednesday afternoon to decide the course of action for the university over the coming months, and it plans to release an official statement Thursday to the university community. The hope is to calm any worries the university employees might have.

"I think we'll be OK for this fiscal year," Gross said. "It's next year that we might see a change in student tuition."

Gross said the budget reserves will not affect current student tuition rates due to the Truth-in-Tuition Act, which locks in tuition rates for any student in Illinois for four years. Incoming students might be less fortunate.

"The potential for tuition increases is there," Gross said.

Gross said the state has asked for federal funds to help alleviate the oncoming deficit, as well as increased federal financial aid for students. The Illinois Monetary Award Program grant will not be affected by the reserve.

A university's income has two sources, Gross said, state funding and tuition, and if one is taken away, the other will be forced to rise. The other option is tightening the belt.

"It's a difficult situation because the state has reduced revenues, and the state has to make some budget adjustments," Gross said.

Gross said the state needs to begin looking elsewhere for revenue if its spending remains unchanged.

"There has to be a real serious look and new revenues for the state," Gross said. "Some ideas that have been floating around have been increases in income and sales taxes."

Gross said other options include allowances in gaming such as the lottery to be accessed via the Internet or capturing some of the lost tax revenue from purchasing Illinois products online.

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Students feel overwhelmed as semester winds down

by **Lindsay Dunham**
Alestle Reporter

Between classes, final projects, exams, jobs and a social life, civil engineering senior Olaolu Afolayan is stressed out.

Many students are feeling the crunch as the semester winds down, and Olaolu said midterms and finals are the biggest stressor for him.

"For the time that I've been in school, that's the one thing that really gets my emotions rolling," Afolayan said. "I always wonder, 'Did I study enough? Did I study the right thing? Am I understanding this the way my professor understands it?'"

According to Michael Kessler, a therapist at Counseling Services, academic stressors are common in college students.

"The stress of school work is something kind of unique to this time of life, especially for those who are seniors and facing upcoming graduation and wondering what's coming next in their life," Kessler

said. "And for freshmen, the high school to college transition and learning a new way of studying and interacting can be stressful."

Kessler said relationships, finances, work and tests are also common causes of stress in college students.

Kessler said if stress gets too severe, it could cause physical symptoms. Some of these symptoms can include chest tightness, fearfulness, muscle tension, disorientation, trembling and shortness of breath. There are also behavioral and cognitive symptoms of stress, such as isolating oneself or mentally escalating the problem.

"Someone can look at a test as something that will make or break them and change their future, instead of looking at it as just a test," Kessler said. "Or if they break up with someone, they think they will never find someone else."

Kessler said stress is an important part of life and only becomes a problem when people have trouble coping with it.

According to Kessler, there are good and bad

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Freshman pre-pharmacy major Nathan Landiey from Bloomington-Normal (left) works on his chemistry assignment, while sophomore nursing major Christina Ford from O'Fallon (right) studies for her anatomy test in Lovejoy Library.

Gray skies make some feel blue

Seasonal Affective Disorder affects millions

by **Neal Gough**
Alestle Correspondent

Winter brings colder temperatures and shorter days, but for some, it also brings a type of depression known as Seasonal Affective Disorder.

While eating and sleeping more are normal reactions to the dropping temperatures and early nights, when these habits get out of hand, there may be a more pressing issue, according to Jessica Ulrich, a licensed clinical social worker at Counseling Services.

SAD is a type of depression associated with late fall and winter's short days and long nights.

"Research suggests that it occurs more in the northern latitudes," Ulrich said. "It is caused by the change in the season along with the change in lighting."

Ulrich said SAD takes time to diagnose because the persons depression levels must be monitored over a couple years to see how they change with the seasons. The National Mental Health Association estimates that 10 million people suffer from SAD.

According to the Mayo Clinic's Web site, common symptoms of SAD are depression, hopelessness, anxiety, loss of energy, social withdrawal, oversleeping, loss of interest in activities you once enjoyed, appetite changes (especially craving foods high in carbohydrates), weight gain and difficulty concentrating and processing information.

In rare occasions, known as reverse SAD, these symptoms are less depression-like and more mania or hypomania-like.

To help combat SAD or simply a case of the winter blues, Ulrich said she encourages people to spend as much time outdoors as possible to combat these feelings.

"Avoid darkness. Spend as much time outside as possible," Ulrich said. "Also exercise because that relieves stress and anxiety anyway."

Ulrich cautioned against "hibernating," or cutting yourself off from friends during winter months, and encourages people to socialize and utilize their support group of friends.

Freshman mass communications major Shannon Haugabook of Chicago said the

change in the seasons does have an effect on her.

"The shorter days do make me sleepier," Haugabook said. "I don't get depressed, but I do find it harder to get motivated to do things like homework."

In mild cases of SAD, it is possible to successfully manage depression by spending more time outdoors or sitting closer to windows while inside. More severe cases of SAD may require doctor prescribed medications such as anti-depressants. Additionally, treatment may also be started each year before the symptoms begin.

Light therapy is a common treatment for SAD. Light therapy boxes mimic outdoor light and causes biochemical changes in the patient's brain. With the help of light therapy boxes, many sufferers find an increase in mood and a decrease in symptoms.

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White had a total compensation of \$555,000 during the 2008 fiscal year, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education. In addition, Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Richard Herman had a total compensation of \$427,500.

"Comparing public research institutions in Illinois, President Poshard's total salary and benefits is lower than both the president of Northern Illinois University and the chancellor of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign," Gross said. "These salary surveys and comparisons are important because it provides a benchmark of what the marketplace is demanding for executive level leadership."

Conroy said salary increases do not affect tuition rates.

Gross said Samuel Goldman, interim chancellor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, did not receive a raise for fiscal year 2009 because he was a new employee. According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, Goldman made \$335,500 during the 2008 fiscal year.

Gross said raising salaries are key in preserving and hiring faculty members and administration.

"Once a decision is made to freeze or reduce salaries, the recruitment and retention of critical faculty and staff becomes that much more difficult, especially when we (are) already paying less than our competition," Gross said.

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ways to cope with stress, and which one a person chooses will have a big impact on his or her stress level.

"Avoiding the things that stress you out is not a good thing," Kessler said. "When you don't face up to what stresses you or look at life with rose colored glasses you are just making things harder on yourself."

Kessler said it is all about finding a balance in life and learning to recognize when stress can potentially hit.

"To avoid becoming excessively stressed, be aware of times or situations that will become stressful," Kessler said. "Accept it and embrace it. Take the opportunity to learn and grow from it."

Kessler said it is also important to seek support when needed, since talking to people can be therapeutic.

There are many things students can do to help them alleviate stress.

Kessler said exercise, laughing, leisurely activities and watching movies are all good ways to relax while under pressure.

Freshman nursing major Brittany O'Brien said time management is a major cause of her stress. O'Brien said she is in a sorority and often has a hard time balancing that with school and work. To help alleviate stress, O'Brien said she enjoys relaxing with her roommate.

"I hang out with my

roommate because we are good friends, and we go out or just hang out and watch movies," O'Brien said. "Anything to relax us and take our mind off things."

Afolayan said he often surfs the Web, goes to the gym or takes walks to relax, and finds that he actually gets more sleep when stressed.

"I feel more lethargic," Afolayan said. "I just want to take a break and re-group."

For electrical engineering graduate student Aishwarya Gopalakrishnan, deadlines can be overwhelming.

"Sometimes we have two or three projects due in one week," Gopalakrishnan said.

Gopalakrishnan said she eases stress by doing something she loves.

"I am a violin player so I like to listen to music or play my violin," Gopalakrishnan said. "It really helps me."


Kessler said the most important thing a student can do to prevent becoming overly stressed is to maintain balance in life.

"If you have (a balanced lifestyle), you will be more likely to be able to laugh and be relaxed in times of stress," Kessler said. "You will also be able to deal with things and adapt good coping behaviors."

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"I always wonder, 'Did I study enough? Did I study the right thing? Am I understanding this the way my professor understands it?'"

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Locked out of well-lit Lovejoy during scheduled blackout

As students flocked back to campus following the Thanksgiving holiday, an eerie and empty atmosphere welcomed them back Sunday, thanks in part to closures caused by a university wide planned power outage that fell through.

The planned blackout was supposed to give Ameren Illinois Power a chance to replace some outdated equipment on the main campus, and would cause a three to four hour outage on both Saturday and Sunday. SIUE went to the trouble of telling everyone on the main campus to stay home Sunday, and shut down all educational buildings including the Lovejoy Library and Starbucks, while the Morris University Center was shut down until five.

The plug was pulled, not on the

university, but on the blackout because Ameren dropped the ball on receiving a part needed for the job from its supplier. The company has put the SIUE blackout on hold until further notice.

While it is not the university's fault and the power outage was necessary, the end result of the failed project left students wandering towards campus and leaving dejected, after tugging on the locked door of a brightly lit Lovejoy Library.

If employees of the library were given the day off ahead of time, given the scheduled closure, they should have been called in, because sitting at a desk all day is not going to kill anyone.

Power outage aside, it was only scheduled to take place over three hours. While Ameren did not schedule the best time to provide for use of facilities, a blackout scheduled to end at 6 p.m. leaves around four hours and the midnight rush for students who study late at night in the library four days a week.

Sunday night is a big night for the procrastinators of the college universe. Papers are due on Mondays, tests are sometimes on Mondays and Sunday night usually provides an opportunity to get everything done, in a mildly anti-procrastination friendly library.

Facilities Management officials said in a recent Alestle story that the blackout would take place Saturday and Sunday, when students would supposedly not be on campus. They may have been right to a point, excluding commuters and the fact that the residence halls re-opened from break that morning.

It is understandable if this was the weekend the power outage had to occur and we had to lose the library for an evening. However, it is laughable to note that a power outage did not actually take place.

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Stephen Colbert and the 'greatest gift' to Christmas specials

Christmas specials are one of the cornerstones of the classic American Christmas from days of yore.

But what has become of the once heralded tradition of the winter holidays? Something has been missing from our Christmases. What's been missing is a quality variety hour-type Christmas special. Since we can always catch Charlie Brown on one channel or another, we need the over-the-top sweetness that our forefathers remember.

My parents talk about the trips down nostalgia lane in the form of the variety hour Christmas special, watching reruns of Bob Hope Christmas specials. Where are my singing celebrities? Whatever happened to the classic Christmas with the family gathering around the incandescent glow of the television to watch their favorite celebs belt out some Christmas carols?

My friends, this is the reason Christ is being taken out of Christmas — there is nothing good to watch on the boob tube during the holidays. It's been downhill ever

since "The Star Wars Holiday Special," and I don't think I'm alone in saying that I died a little inside after watching that piece. The only decent things we have to watch during the happiest time of the year are reruns of "Rudolph" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas." These aren't bad shows, we just need something fresh. I mean I've watch the Snoopy dance so many times I could perform it on stage.

Quality Christmas specials remind us of a better time, a simpler time. A time when it was too cold to play outside and there were no such things as video games, a time when Sonny and Cher ruled the airwaves. I've always wanted a Christmas like the ones my parents used to know, with over the top Christmas songs, laugh tracks and pre-recorded applause that greets every guest on the show.

But then, someone's countenance must have shone down, because upon arrival home from Thanksgiving, we were greeted by something miraculous: "A Stephen Colbert Christmas: The Greatest Gift of All." Complete with guest appearances, musical numbers and yes, even Willie Nelson singing a song about bringing the baby Jesus marijuana. Even with that, this Christmas

special instills the family values that we've been missing past few decades.

The Colbert Christmas has something to offer everyone and then a little more, featuring the musical stylings of Toby Keith, John Legend, Elvis Costello, Feist, Willie Nelson and, yes, John Stewart. Watching Colbert's Christmas special is like going in for seconds on a Thanksgiving dinner after you've already eaten an entire turkey by yourself. It's so bad, yet so good.

This is exactly what America needs. I'm not saying the lack of quality Christmas specials is necessarily the sole cause of the economy and the problems in the Middle East, but it hasn't helped.

This special is for everyone, from the disheartened Scrooge or the over-jollied elf. For those of you who missed this glorious piece of modern nostalgia, the Colbert Christmas is available on DVD for \$20, or you can do what I plan to do and buy the Colbert Christmas soundtrack on iTunes for \$7.99 and help Colbert beat out Kanye West for number one.

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Worldwide tradition, Indian values

Speaker discusses traditional Indian wedding practices

by Rachel Snow
Alestle Reporter

Weddings may be a huge affair in the United States, but in India they can involve more than 3,000 guests, five days of ceremonies and years of preparation. One of the few similarities between an American and Indian wedding is the bride and groom.

The International Women's Organization brought speaker Sumuki Karthik and her mother Jayalakshmi Swaminathan to Edwardsville's Madison Mutual Insurance Company Building Tuesday to talk about Indian culture and the elaborate weddings they participate in.

IWO is a sister organization of the International Hospitality Program at SIUE and an affiliate of the SIUE International Student Services Office. Joyce Schrader, organizer for these events, said she has been working with this group for years.

"It started out as the International Hospitality Program for SIUE, and then it branched off into the International Women's Organization," Schrader said.

Karthik spoke about her wedding and southern Indian weddings, which she said are less complicated than other Indian wedding ceremonies. Karthik said there are two types of weddings: love and arranged, and of the marriages in India, about 80 percent are arranged. She said her wedding was a combination, although both have their merits, and there are also very few divorces in India.

"People in India do not know the concept of living together before marriage," Karthik said.

Karthik said a man and woman only move in together when they are married. The woman usually moves into the groom's parents' home and lives with his family. Another tradition that is different from the American culture is the name changing of the newlyweds.

"The bride takes the groom's first name instead of his last name," Karthik said. "I didn't take my husband's last name. That is his father's name. I wasn't marrying his father."

Karthik said the bride wears special jewelry she receives for her wedding. She brought along the 22-carat gold necklace her husband's parents made for her to wear at her wedding.

"This is very special jewelry to me," Karthik said. "I received eight or nine sets of jewelry for my wedding."

The jewelry the Indian brides receive and wear represents their wealth. Americans wear white wedding dresses, but women from India wear nine yards of material called a "saree." Karthik said typically they are red. The groom wears eight yards of white material called "dhotis."

There are three major parts to a Hindu wedding.



Rachel Snow/Alestle

Sumuki Karthik, a speaker brought to share her Indian wedding experiences by the International Women's Organization, shows a family from Brazil her wedding invitation. The invitation is two sided, one in her native language and one in English. The invitation shows three generations: her and her husband, both of their fathers and both of their grandfathers.

There is the pre-wedding, which is like an American reception, the actual wedding ceremony itself and the post-wedding. During the wedding ceremony, the bride and groom take seven steps to make their wedding official.

These seven steps may vary slightly couple to couple, but the basic concept is seven different blessings for the couple. This takes place in the "mandap," which is a decorated canopy.

With the first step, the couple asks for the blessing of plentiful food from the gods. On the second step, they ask for both mental and physical strength. The third is for the fulfillment of spiritual obligation, the fourth for happiness, the fifth for the welfare of the entire universe, the sixth for bountiful seasons all over the world and finally, with the seventh step, they ask for the blessing of universal peace.

According to Karthik, Indian couples also have to

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Rachel Snow/Alestle

Sumuki Karthik's hands were painted with henna for her wedding ceremony. The dye changes from black to different colors, and it is believed that the brighter the colors, the better the marriage.

BFA students hope show will 'change your life'

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

Months of preparation and years of hard work have led up to this moment for senior metal smithing major Kevin Grier, who has lost countless hours of sleep in preparation for the Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibit "Transformations."

His efforts are shared with three other senior BFA majors who will present their work in the exhibit: ceramics major Noel Bradac, graphic design major Nikki Dinnius and graphic design major Carin Slemmer.

The exhibit is a requirement of all BFA majors and is the culmination of the knowledge they have gained while at

SIUE. It is also a chance for students to showcase their talents.

The exhibit opened Monday and will remain open until Tuesday in the New Wagner Gallery in the Art and Design Building. A reception will take place Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Bradac said SIUE students should come and see the show because it will "change your life."

While each artist developed their pieces independently, they all agreed that their pieces seemed to fit with one another to create an aesthetically pleasing show.

Dinnius said though the four artists use three different mediums, all their work is related in "organic form."

"The colors and some of the topics are cohesive. There are a lot of earth tones,"

Dinnius said. "I guess we all did some soul searching in creating the pieces."

Grier agreed that the pieces fit well together, though each artist drew inspiration for their pieces separately.

"We each have our own outlook on what we produce and our own motivation for what we do, but the show has come together in a really nice way," Grier said.

Dinnius said her pieces are reflective of her background and how she became the person she is today.

"I have been concentrating on historical events relating to my family because I am the first woman in my family to graduate from college," Dinnius said. "It's sort of an exploration of my past."

Dinnius said one of the pieces she created was done specifically in Art 499,

Senior Thesis Exhibition, and she chose to focus on progression triptychs, pieces of art divided into three panels. Dinnius' piece details a moment in the life of herself, her mother and her grandmother.

Bradac had a different approach to his art that combined form and function.

"My work is strictly functional pottery, and at the same time crossing the bridge into fine art and ceramics," Bradac said. "My main goal is for people to want handmade pottery over machine made."

Bradac said he believes there is more life with something made by a person than a machine. Once people see the warmth that comes from a handmade piece of pottery, Bradac said he hopes they will

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Now Rating: 'Four Christmases'

by Jeff Mason
Alestle Reporter

Ever since "Meet the Parents" resounding critical and financial success, the film industry has been hurling turkey day comedies at moviegoers in hopes of recreating their own batch of family humor. This year's attempt is "Four Christmases," which might just be the fruit cake of holiday movies.

"Four Christmases" follows Brad (Vince Vaughn) and Kate (Reese Witherspoon), an unmarried couple who have no wedding plans or thoughts of children in their future since "it will only hold them down."

Instead of visiting family over Christmas, Brad and Kate take exotic vacations while lying to their parents about where they are going.

These plans are ruined thanks to a large bank of fog at the airport and a pesky news crew that catches the couple in Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses. With the couple's scheme shattered, the two are forced to visit all four of their divorced parents in a single day.

It won't take a rocket scientist to draw out a map of what will happen to Brad and Kate's "new-age," unmarried lifestyle as they visit their families. They start off alright, but begin to realize they want more in their relationship as they travel from house to house. These revelations come through board games and glances through scrapbooks that become far too obvious far too quickly.

The movie is full of star power beyond Vaughn and Witherspoon. Veteran actors Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek and John Voight lead the charge with Broadway star Kristin Chenoweth, country music artist Tim McGraw and "Iron Man" Director Jon Favreau helping complete the strange family tree.

Unfortunately, each actor is handed a character that is paper-thin. McGraw and Favreau play UFC style fighters who are a pair of wife beaters and sweatpants away from being white trash on steroids. Both Spacek and Duvall are handed roles that are far beyond underwhelming for Oscar winners, even by studio comedy standards.

As for Chenoweth and the rest of the cast, they are barely on camera long



enough to be called supporting actors by the most generous of people. The only person from the peanut gallery of stars who actually livens up the movie is Voight, who is given a personality rather than cheap dialogue and character ticks.

All of these poor characters wouldn't be so bad if the movie wasn't relying solely on the wacky relatives for humor. There aren't any awkward or believable situations like in "Meet the Parents," and the dialogue is not even in the same galaxy as last year's hit "Juno."

Instead, each relative is thrown at you and taken away five minutes later, meaning that no relationship or character humor

can be grinded out of the movie.

It's not all bad with "Four Christmases," though. There are some funny moments scattered throughout the movie, including Vaughn's performance of the nativity and an impressive performance by Favreau's character in a board game. Other than that, there's very little to see that wasn't given away in the trailer.

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want more, preferably his pottery.

While Bradac focuses on making the practical appealing, Grier focuses on making the appealing abstract.

Grier said his work is an interpretation of what he sees in the world and alters it in his own view into an abstract piece.

"I've been producing body sculptures where I form fit the pieces to the body and use steel to take what is visually pleasing in the natural world and interpret that into an abstract form," Grier said.

No matter what the viewer takes away from the art, he hopes they will understand the lengths the artists have gone not only to make the pieces, but also understand the work they have done to complete their degrees.

"It all comes down to this one

show, and it's about you and what you've produced," Grier said. "It's all of that and coming up with a cohesive idea and putting it into a show."

Grier said the show is not only about displaying the art of the artists, but about understanding what it takes to make it as a professional artist. The preparation work for the show is what turns the students into professionals.

"It's your moment to shine in the spotlight. The dance major has the recital, the actor has the play, the artist has their show," Grier said.

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"Teapots," by Noel Bradac, are made out of stoneware and were wood and salt fired. The digital prints in the background, "Progression Triptych," were created by Nikki Dinnius. The pieces were made for the bachelor of fine arts show that is open until Tuesday.

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wait several weeks or more than a month to go on a honeymoon, if there is one at all. Karthik said there is so much money involved with the ceremonies sometimes the bride and groom cannot afford one.

IWO member Doris Gvillo attended the presenation and said she began working with the group in 1971 when it was a hospitality program.

"It has changed a lot since then," Gvillo said. "We have an interesting group from a lot of different places."

Schrader said the variety of cultures creates a diverse group of opinions and ideas.

"We have a wonderful mix of American and International women," Schrader said. "Most of these women are living in the U.S."

Women who attend the meetings come from all around the globe. Germany, Turkey, England, Brazil and Panama are some of the different areas these women are from, but most of them currently live in the U.S.

"I can't think of any other group that has this mix of American and international women," Schrader said. "I enjoy the group so much."

The next IWO meeting will be March 3 at the Madison Mutual Insurance Company Building.

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Margot Rechiene, a member of the International Organization of Women, looks at her reflection as she tries on a saree. The saree is the traditional garment worn by Indian brides.

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Brothers in arms

Derrick and Dillon Pousson wrestle as teammates and a family

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Reporter

The four Pousson brothers, two of whom currently attend SIUE, have a lot more in common than just the first letter of their names.

Dustin, Derrick, Dillon and Deon Pousson all have a strong passion for wrestling, one that has consumed all of them since they were old enough to tackle.

Thanks to birthdays just over a year apart and sophomore Derrick's recent transfer from Augustana College, Derrick, 19, and freshman Dillon, 18, went beyond high school and wrestle together at SIUE.

Dustin, 22, is the oldest of the brothers and attends Columbia College of Chicago, but is not currently wrestling.

Deon, 6, already has wrestling in his blood and currently wrestles for the Lakeland Predators. Deon shows no signs of being any different than his big brothers, according to the mother of the brothers Rita Pousson.

Derrick and Dillon both attended Round Lake High School in Round Lake and wrestled all four years. They were co-captains on the high school team for the three years when they attended school together.

The two brothers have wrestled together their whole lives, even before mats became a part of the picture.

Rita, the mother of this wrestling quartet, said Derrick began the sport at 3 years old and Dillon began at 4 years old. Rita said the two have been wrestling with each other ever since.

"They always fought just because. When they were in high school, we could only let them wrestle 10 minutes before punches would start," Rita said. "Even on their high school team, we told the coach they could only be practice partners for five minutes."

Rita said to this day when the brothers return to their old high school, the coach won't let them wrestle each other for more than five minutes.

Derrick and Dillon may like to wrestle, especially



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Freshman Dillon Pousson (face shown) struggles to gain control with his older brother Derrick Pousson (face not shown) during practice on Tuesday. The brothers have competed together in wrestling since high school and continue to do so at SIUE.

with each other, but behind all the bloody knuckles and black eyes, they are still brothers to the end and push each other to work harder.

"We're brothers. We'll be close some days and other days we'll fight," Dillon said. "We actually like it because we don't want to lose to each other so it makes us wrestle harder, and we actually wrestle now. We don't fight."

Derrick said it is a bit strange wrestling together in college.

"We're close," Derrick said. "We've been there for each other, and we've been wrestling partners for years."

Rita said her boys push each other to work harder, but she thinks it is probably their competitive natures putting on the pressure.

"In college they do have to wrestle each other, but they were in some national tournaments in high school, and I wouldn't allow them to wrestle (each other) because they do not want to lose to each other," Rita said. "We had to flip a coin, and that's just how it was because I would have to live with that."

Rita and the boys also agreed that when Dillon was a senior in high school and Derrick went off to Augustana, they did not wrestle to their full potential.

"They were separated for the first time since they were little," Rita said. "They didn't go to the next level without each other. They missed a year because they

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Men's soccer joins Missouri Valley Conference

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Reporter

SIUE men's soccer, one of the two SIUE teams that are "fast-tracked" in the transition to Division I, announced on Tuesday its entrance into the Missouri Valley Conference.

In a press release Tuesday, Missouri Valley Conference Commissioner Doug Elgin said he was pleased with the addition of SIUE men's soccer as an affiliate, along with the University of Central Arkansas.

"We're pleased to welcome SIUE Edwardsville and Central Arkansas as men's soccer affiliates," Elgin said. "Both programs have successful track records and championship pedigrees, which will add more depth to our already talented conference. The dedication to men's soccer on each campus is a natural fit with the

tremendous support the sport receives in the Missouri Valley and the community support in and around Edwardsville, including Saint Louis, and Conway (Ark.) adds to the excitement in our other league cities."

Soccer was left out of the transition to the Ohio Valley Conference because soccer is not a sport sponsored by the OVC. Due to the newfound affiliation, the men's soccer team will be a part of the Missouri Valley Conference beginning in the 2010 season with full NCAA privileges, including post-season eligibility.

All other SIUE sports are in the transition to D-I and will become full-fledged members of the Ohio Valley Conference in 2012-2013. Soccer and softball are two years ahead of all other Cougar sports thanks to the NCAA fast-track.

SIUE Athletic Director Brad Hewitt

attended the press conference on Tuesday and is excited about where this decision will lead SIUE.

"It is a great opportunity for our young men to compete in this conference, and it bodes extremely well for the future of our program," Hewitt said.

The MVC has had two teams in the NCAA tournament for 12 years straight.

Hewitt said SIUE looked at regional conferences before making the decision, and SIUE already had a relationship with the MVC through the St. Louis Sports Commission.

"We put a lot of energy into the process," Hewitt said. "We spent a lot of time discussing possibilities about the budget and the program to get to where we needed to be."

SIUE is one of 21 schools to ever have won a NCAA D-I men's soccer championship (1979) and holds an overall

school record 472-230-56.

SIUE men's soccer Head Coach Kevin Kalish just completed his first season as head coach of the Cougars and finished with a season record of 5-8-1.

"We will get to play a lot of schools in close proximity," Kalish said. "It will help build some local rivalries."

Next season, the Cougars will still be an independent school in their final transition year, but they already have four MVC teams on the schedule. Kalish said in 2010, the team will play a full conference schedule and be able to qualify for post-season.

"The Missouri Valley from top to bottom has quality programs," Kalish said. "Creighton (University) sets the bar, but we are looking forward to the challenge."

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Cougars 'Aced' by Evansville

by T.J. Cowell
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Tuesday night's first ever contest between the SIUE Cougars and the University of Evansville Purple Aces was not a pleasant homecoming for SIUE men's basketball Head Coach Lennox Forrester with an 89-58 loss.

Forrester, a graduate of Evansville, served as assistant coach and an administrative assistant for his alma mater from 1989-1992, and SIUE Assistant Coach Mark Allaria was a starter for Evansville back in 2001-2002.

SIUE drew blood first after a jumper from sophomore center Nikola Bundalo put the Cougars ahead 2-0 in the opening minute of the game. This would be SIUE's only lead on the night as the Purple Aces quickly took control of the game.

Evansville Head Coach Marty Simmons is the former head coach for SIUE, but showed no mercy for his former team. Simmons' Purple Aces brought the pressure early. The hosts turned nine SIUE first half turnovers into 17 points. It took the rattled Cougars a while to settle down before they would get their offense going, as 17 of the Cougars' 28 first half points came off the bench.

"They had a great game plan coming out," freshman guard Aaron Garriott said. "There is no excuse for how we played tonight. We played harder in those four games that we had in five days than what we did tonight."

Bundalo led SIUE with nine points and five rebounds in the first 20 minutes of play. Junior guard Aamir McCleary contributed to the Cougar effort with six first half points.

SIUE was 10 of 28 from the field in the first half, posting a shooting percentage of 36. Evansville answered by sinking 13 of 35 attempted shots.

Sophomore center Pieter van Tongeren and senior guard Shy Ely led the Purple Aces with nine and eight first half points, respectively.

Evansville headed into the locker room after the first half with a double-digit lead, 40-28. The Purple Aces led by as much as 15 in the first half.

"We came out soft," Forrester said. "They were physical and got after us."

The Purple Aces picked up where they left off in the second half as they came out on fire. SIUE failed to close the gap anymore, and Evansville ran away with the ball game.

The Purple Aces picked up their fifth win of the season with a final score of 89-58.

McCleary finished the night with 12 points and four assists. Senior guard John Edmison also finished in double-digit scoring on the night with 10 points.

The Purple Aces out rebounded SIUE 61-31. Van Tongeren led all players with 17 points. Ely finished with a double-double, recording 15 points and 14 rebounds.

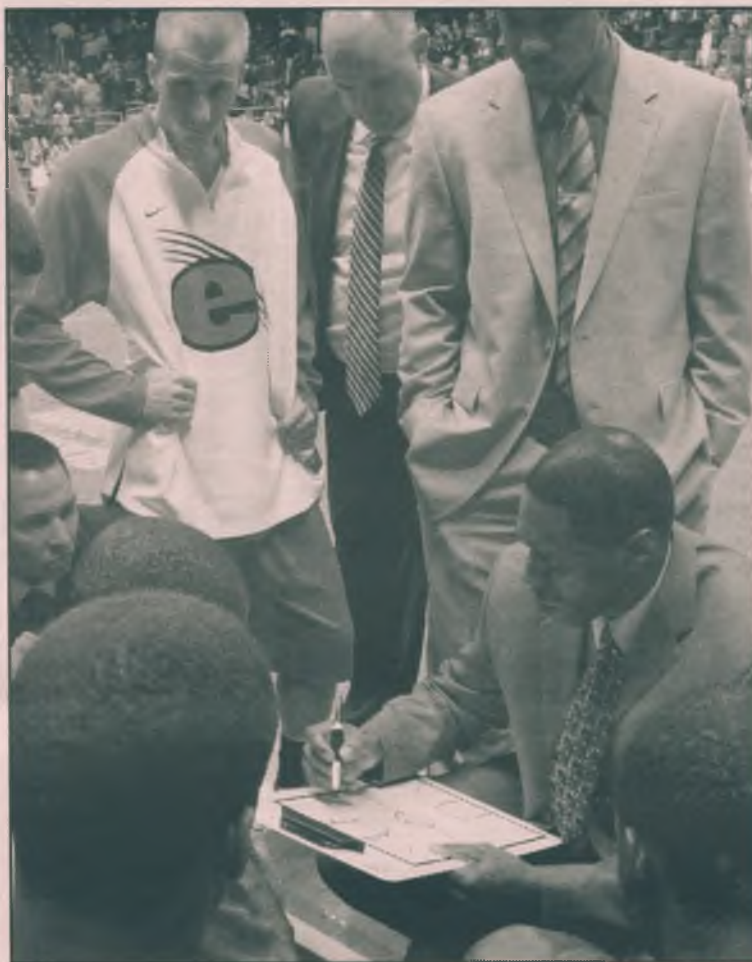
"We did not come out with the fire that we needed," junior guard Stephen Jones said. "They out worked us on both ends of the floor."

The Cougars will now return back home to the Vadalabene Center on Thursday to take on Millikin University. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

"We will need to come out with a chip on our shoulder," Forrester said. "It all starts with toughness."

For play-by-play coverage of the game, go to the Alestlelive sports blog at alestlelive.com.

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Men's basketball Head Coach Lennox Forrester goes over strategy before the start of their game on Tuesday against the University of Evansville Purple Aces. The Cougars are currently 2-5 for the season. The next game is 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Vadalabene Center against Millikin University.

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didn't have each other pushing each other.”

Dillon said his senior year he did well, but not as well as he could have because he was not trying as hard.

“When I was a senior and (Derrick) wasn't there, it was weird because he would always be in the wrestling room with me,” Dillon said. “Now that he's in the room with me again, it feels right. This year I'm actually trying a lot harder in my matches and in the weight room. Even in the weight room, we compete and try to out lift each other.”

SIUE wrestling Head Coach David Ray said the brothers have high level of respect for their sport.

“They are very polite, well-mannered men,” Ray said. “They're very respectful of each other, their teammates, and their professors, coaches and staff ... They are very respectful to anyone and that's the best thing about them.”

Ray said Derrick and Dillon help the other improve.

“Neither one of them ever let down, (and) they both work very hard,” Ray said.

Dillon said their competitive spirits fuel their desire for a win.

“We definitely (push each other) because he doesn't like to be worse than me and I don't like to

be worse than him,” Dillon said. “It's kind of an unspoken bond we share.”

Rita said overall, wrestling has made all four of her sons happy and kept them out of trouble, and she also gets to spend family time with them that many mothers aren't able to.

“Sports really guided them to be great in academics. I always told them academics, then sports,” Rita said. “Because sports kept them more focused, it kept them away from the bad social aspects of teenage life and set them in groups to stay away from the bad influences.”

Rita said wrestling brings her family together, not only because it is common ground, but sometimes tournaments can last from 6 a.m. to midnight, and families spend the entire day together.

“That's a lot of time to spend with your kids, and some parents don't get that,” Rita said. “With wrestling, you're all there together, and it's a great bonding experience for the family. I wouldn't pass it up for the world.”

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Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk

Week of August 25-August 31

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Budget decisions may this week help resolve short-term money problems. Key issues involve recent changes to daily spending habits, timed payments and/or leasing agreements. Although financial luck is high in the coming weeks, expect added paperwork and brief delays. If so, stay focused: positive progress will soon be established. Later this weekend a friend or lover will move beyond yesterday's emotional limitations. Offer encouragement: vital breakthroughs are needed.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Love relationships will soon begin a subtle period of romantic expression and renewed affection. Late Tuesday watch for a close friend or lover to leave behind feelings of doubt or mistrust. In the coming weeks many Taureans will actively discuss future romantic plans. Ask for bold promises: this is the right time to clearly reveal your ideals, needs and expectations. After Thursday family members may require extra private time. Plan accordingly: your sensitivity will be rewarded.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Workplace duties will dramatically change over the next few days. Legal requirements, team assignments and payment schedules may all be affected. In the coming weeks expect an end to daily restrictions. Remain optimistic: for many Geminis significant career advancements will soon follow. After mid-week loved ones may offer valuable social suggestions. If possible, plan unique gatherings and home events: a close friend or lover may need to feel involved and appreciated.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Vivid dreams or sudden intuitions may this week increase emotional awareness. Areas affected are family triangles and the romantic motives of loved ones. Pace yourself and wait for further clarity: at present key insights may be strongly influenced by past disappointments. After Thursday some Cancerians will be asked to decide between a trusted relationship and an exciting new love interest. Take your time: complex social and lasting romantic consequences will soon emerge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Short-term romantic encounters will this week provide many moments of gentle insight. Early this week watch loved ones for subtle messages or intriguing gestures of love. For some Leos intimacy and emotional abundance will now offer new home or lifestyle choices. Wednesday through Sunday financial information and business messages may trigger powerful career ideas. Trust your instincts: in the coming months rare opportunities will bring meaningful improvements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Paperwork, spending habits and business contracts may now require special consideration. Before mid-week trusted colleagues and close friends will rely heavily on your continued dedication to detail. Avoid costly delays, if possible, and refuse to divide your attention between competing projects: your leadership is needed. After Thursday a new friendship may quickly turn romantic. If so, ask for added time: emotional decisions are now best approached with caution.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Romantic decisions and new friendships are accented over the next few days. Long-term relationships may now be briefly challenged by unique social proposals. Establish better communications and expect increased honesty: loved ones will soon ask for reassurance. Late this week some Librans may feel pressured into accepting extra workplace duties. Business responsibility will soon increase: pace yourself and ask for completed records or new paperwork.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Dramatic social comments and unusual family dynamics can be expected over the next two days. Loved ones may now be easily influenced by group speculation, gossip or fast exchanges of emotional information. If so, don't be drawn into unproductive discussions: progress will be slow. Later this week a friend or colleague may propose a rare financial partnership. Study documents but accept new risk: this is an excellent time for creative ventures and fast business decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Sudden intuitions may this week have a powerful affect on key relationships. At present, your ability to understand the emotional limits of loved ones is high. Carefully consider the past history or family patterns of all involved: patience and diplomacy will bring the desired results. Wednesday through Saturday highlights complex workplace decisions and minor disputes with co-workers. Tensions may be high but refuse to abandon your original ideas and all will be well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Loved ones will this week be thankful of your support and guidance. Delicate social issues or romantic indecision may have recently caused added stress or doubt. Offer creative suggestions and expect friends or lovers to slowly develop an improved outlook. After mid-week avoid new spending or long-term financial promises. In the coming weeks home expenses and housing agreements may require careful planning: expect fast changes and complex daily choices.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Early this week romantic or family relations may be temporarily strained. After Tuesday expect loved ones to make emotional demands or be easily distracted by misleading information. Offer consistent facts and wait for others to adopt an

attitude of group acceptance. Wednesday through Saturday watch for business discussions to reveal an unexpected legal problem. Unfinished projects or neglected documents may trigger fast challenges: ask for valid and reliable promises.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Close friends may soon bring valuable social changes into your life. Over the next six days expect hobbies, unique activities and new forms of entertainment to be especially energizing. Travel, exotic cultures or educational programs may also provide new outlets. Later this week new employment documents may require open negotiations. After Wednesday watch for an older colleague or manager to propose an unrealistic workplace solution. Stay calm: much is changing.

If your birthday is this week...newly begun love affairs or social flirtations will now be put to the test. Over the next five weeks watch for outside influences, family disputes or fast proposals for relocation to create intense discussions between loved ones. Muddle through and watch for a new era of romantic progress or home invitations to arrive in late January. Early next year financial changes or complex paperwork may require almost constant attention. If so, quickly handle all outstanding legal issues, loan agreements or money challenges: by mid-to-late March a new series of money responsibilities and workplace duties will emerge.

For private consultation, please visit www.mysticstars.net.

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Tuesday's Answers

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Michael Mephram

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MISCELLANEOUS

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JUIJITSU, JUDO INSTRUCTION Self Defense, Sport, Exercise. Semi-private lessons. SIUE student rate \$10.00 mo. First four mos down. 251-4218

DEATH NOTICE: Sadly reporting death of Karen Hornback (SIUE student). Gathering January 17th. See Karen Hornback at 'virtual-memorials dot com' or lv msg at 206 364-0625.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING ESS Data Recovery invites you to recycle computers, hard drives, printers, and other electronics on December 13th, from 9AM - 4PM at their location at 110 North Research Drive in Edwardsville (on campus). Full details available at http://www.essdatarecovery.com/recycling_event.asp. No CRT monitors or televisions will be accepted

PERSONALS

ALPHA PHI SISTER OF THE WEEK: Our graduating seniors, Alicia Jones and Theresa Buom. We will Miss You Girls!

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MEET THE STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES ATTORNEY

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